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# Allegheny Ludlum

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**VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS (Weekday Delivery)**

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**Re: Real Estate Identified in Allegheny County Deed Book 3977,  
Page 678, 1520-E-35, Harrison Township, Pennsylvania**

Dear Ms. Miller:

I am writing to supplement our response to you dated May 9, 1996 regarding the property referenced above. You should be advised that our proposed license agreement for access to the property has been orally rejected by Elf Atochem without explanation. I have followed up with phone calls in an attempt to discuss the matter but have been ignored.

Elf Atochem's rejection of our proposal and apparent unwillingness to discuss the details of the license agreement leads to the conclusion that the real issue is not the details of a site access agreement for a geotechnical investigation. Instead, Elf Atochem is improperly attempting to influence EPA to use its enforcement club so that Elf Atochem can gain control of Allegheny Ludlum's property without coming to an arm's length agreement. I want you to understand that Allegheny Ludlum has attempted to reasonably resolve this issue with Elf Atochem and remains willing to do so.

The property at issue is not surplus land. Allegheny Ludlum's Natrona plant, which includes the above-referenced parcel, is an ideal location for an expansion project. Allegheny Ludlum's business and markets are growing and the property in question may be needed in the future. Also, it is important to note that Allegheny Ludlum has already granted Elf Atochem access to approximately 27 acres of property located directly across the street from the subject parcel.

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While we intend to protect our property rights if necessary, it is our desire to resolve this matter and avoid further controversy and litigation.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'John M. Tishok'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'John' being more prominent.

John M. Tishok

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cc:Karen Davis, Esq.

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